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REPORT.

THE "MONTREAL YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,"—organized on the 25th November, 1851, and, consequently, just twelve years old to-day,—was looked upon, by those who loved it best, as at the point of death in the month of November last year. On the 17th of that month, ten members met in a little room in the Mechanics' Institute,—which had served as an Association-room for six months,—to decide the important question, whether the Association should be disbanded, or not. After prayer and conference, it was unanimously, and much to the gratification of all, resolved to set energetically about the work of resuscitation. To-day, we have to thank God, that He has made it hard to believe that such a scene is but a year old. A week after the meeting just mentioned, the Annual Meeting was held in the same place, but the number being still small, business was postponed to an adjourned meeting, to be held in a social manner; and Mr. Grafton, the retiring President, interested those present with an account of the early days of the Society. At the adjourned meeting, held in the new building of the First Baptist Church,—the same which had, in St. Helen Street, afforded shelter to the first meetings of the Association,—large additions of names were made to the rolls of the Society; and the Committee now reporting was elected. Since that time, the Almighty has not ceased to enlarge the sphere of the Society's opportunities for usefulness.

The following REPORT will be divided into heads, according to the Sub-Committees to which the labour has been assigned,—beginning with our, at present, most important work, that of—

CITY MISSIONS.

The work formerly entrusted to the Mission Committee was the supervision of the labours of the Society's two Missionaries, Messrs.

Massey and Millen; but, during the past year, other very important efforts have been added to this long-established one.

Cottage Meetings.—On the 15th of December, Mr. MacDougall, chairman of the Mission Committee, moved "That twenty-four members of the Society should be appointed to co-operate actively with the Missionaries by holding cottage-meetings and visitation." The motion being passed, the whole number required at once volunteered for the work. By these, the city was portioned off into six districts,—a chairman and several assistants being put in charge of each.

Of District No. 1, no reports are preserved.

No. 2, in charge of Mr. J. D. Dougall, held ten meetings, with a small average attendance, in a small room in Chaboillez Street; Corporal Lindsay and other brethren doing what they might to uphold the work.

Of No. 3, Mr. Hy. Millen reports the establishment of one small but useful meeting in a somewhat French neighborhood in St. Urbain Street, at which some interesting work of awakening and revival was seen.

Mr. Robt. Mackenzie, chairman of No. 4, with several co-workers, among whom Sergeant-Major Davis was untiring, kept up a meeting which lasted to the end of April, and received encouragement from the Lord, and assistance from some of those who attended.

No. 5 was under Mr. Black's charge, and was very efficiently worked by Messrs. MacDougall, Hobson, Millen, Kneeshaw, and others. Seventeen meetings were held in two places before the month of April, of which no reports are fyled.

In No. 6 (Mr. W. Dutton, chairman), two meetings were also sustained; one at the house of a colored family,—Corporal Herbert and Messrs. Millen, Wyard, and Hobson being among the workers. The work was here also acknowledged of the Lord. Mr. Dutton says, in one report, "We can indeed say that our Heavenly Father is honouring our labors."

From these meetings,—although probably but a small part of the result was visible,—much good was certainly gained in inducing young Christians to put their hands to the plough, in the application of talents, yet untried, to the Lord's uses; and even in the inducing of some who were up in years to speak for Christ among their

friends, and thus perhaps, for the first time, to confess Him before men. Owing to the urgency of business, and the premonitions of a falling-off in attendance, these meetings were given up for the summer, to be revived (God willing) during the present season. When again proposed, a few weeks ago, action was left for the new Committee.

College-Street Meeting.—A meeting of a somewhat different character,—which was started early last winter at the rooms of the American Presbyterian Society's Free School in College Street by Messrs. MacDougall, Jardine, and others,—was, at the beginning of May, organized by the appointment of a committee of twelve and the election of a chairman (Mr. Jardine), who has since then reported monthly to the Mission Committee. The members of this committee divided Griffintown into districts, which they visited two by two on Sunday afternoons. Introducing themselves with a tract, they were generally asked to come in, upon which they would turn conversation to the matters of the soul, generally engaging in prayer before departure. In May, a tea-meeting was given to the usual attendants at this meeting, who are of the poorer class, and a penny-savings scheme was set agoing, which commenced with an average weekly deposit of seventy cents, but which continued gradually to increase. In return for the energetic measures employed, we find Mr. Jardine's reports, month after month, full of encouragement and good hopes, and these well justified by the ever-increasing numbers in attendance,—August, the most unlikely of months, showing a larger attendance than any before it. Like all other missionaries, these workers report a generally kind reception, but much carelessness and great destitution, which they ascribe almost wholly to strong drink.

Sailors' Tract Distributors.—On the 14th of April, Messrs. Kneeshaw and Mackenzie brought forward a motion recommending the appointment of a committee to distribute tracts and hold religious conversations with the sailors on Sunday mornings, subjoining a list of names of volunteers for the work, most of whom had been similarly engaged during the past season. These tract-distributors were immediately organized under the control of the Mission Committee, Mr. R. Kneeshaw being elected chairman, and Mr. Macken-

zie vice-chairman. The wharves and canal locks were portioned out into nine districts, each having its requisite number of labourers, and a chairman, who was to visit his district on Saturday evening, to learn its requirements. Every worker had to be at his post, either in person or by substitute, at an appointed hour on Sunday morning between half-past six and ten o'clock, as each district should arrange. District 9, from Victoria Pier downwards, was found to be already efficiently worked by the Quebec-Suburbs Wesleyan Church, and was therefore untouched by this committee. The Sailors' Tract Distributors have held fortnightly meetings for prayer and mutual encouragement, at the rooms. Their work among our many thousand unsettled and generally neglected ship and boat hands cannot but be regarded as important, and their reports say the encouragements in it far outweigh the discouragements. The tracts distributed were in the following nine languages, and numerically somewhat in the following order:—English, French, Danish, Swedish, German, Italian, Welsh, Portuguese, and Spanish. The supply of tracts at the Tract Society's Depositary, freely put at the disposal of our workmen, has not been always equal to the demand,—the principal lack being in French tracts, a lack which the Tract Society is doing its best to meet. These French tracts are the only ones which have been frequently refused,—of course, by the Catholic boat hands. The interest which these foreign tracts must possess to those who receive them could only be appreciated by those who have spent months and years far removed from native land and native tongue. The number of visits to vessels during the season has been 2,438; and the number of tracts, in all languages, distributed 21,275; the principal month of the year being June.

Mr. Massey's Work among the Seamen.—Mr. Massey has, since his arrival here ten years ago, earned for himself the name of the "Sailors' Missionary." The sailors now expect to meet him on the look-out for their arrival; and many are the kindly and respectful recognitions he receives from generous men, who know how to be thankful for a kindness. The vessels are boarded on arrival, and tracts distributed to all hands. The men are warned from the taverns, and told of the Sailors' Institute, while advice of still greater import is offered as occasion admits. This service is generally received with thanks, and also appreciated by the captains, who frequently offer their ships for Bethel services.

The Bible Society has, as in former years, enabled Mr. Massey to supply all sailors who do not possess it with the Word of God; and, with the exception of a short season, when the supply fell short, scarcely a sailor has been allowed to leave the port without a copy. When they take them, they generally promise faithfully to read them, to keep them in their chest, and take them with them wherever they go. This year, five hundred sea-going vessels have been in port, with about 8,952 sailors, a larger number than ever before; and Mr. Massey thinks that the proportion of those who were strangers to the port was also very much larger than usual. Deducting from this the number of additional visits of the same men, and adding in the river boat and barge hands we have a total in this field of labour of perhaps 15,000 strong men, who are at present, in a great measure, dependent on this Society and its supporters for the Word of Life. To these, the number of Bibles and Testaments given has been 603, in seven languages, as follows:—English, 569; German, 21; Italian, 4; Danish, 4; French, 3; Gaelic, 1; Swedish, 1.

How inestimable are the results of this work! However weak the hands of the labourer, however unsuccessful his preaching and teaching, he can here speak of something done; seed sown beside all waters,—a seed with a life in it, and with a promise oft repeated of a plenteous harvest. The following may be taken as an instance of how the Bibles are used:—One sailor, who had got one last year, said he had often read it, and that, having a good many hands on board and very few Bibles, the others had borrowed it on Sundays. He thought it had done good. Having lost his wife recently, he found the book a great consolation. Knowing thus that the Bibles are read, and remembering how they may be carried from crew to crew and from sea to sea, who can tell what text may do the work of the Spirit's sword, or what heart it may pierce?

Bethel meetings have been held regularly at the Sailors' Institute, McGill Street; as well as on Sunday mornings and at other times on board various ships,—if weather made it necessary, in the cabin,—but generally on deck or between decks, and, if at night, often by the light of a solitary lamp, just sufficient to enable the missionary to read. The hands attend such meetings in goodly numbers, and may be seen with the Bibles which they have received, and of which, as gifts, they appear sufficiently proud. A number of the captains are also in the habit of attending, when business is not too pressing.

A strange interest connects itself with these meetings, which is not awakened by the grandest service under the ceiling of a church. At one time, we find our labourer among his hardy and now solemn hearers under the still starlight, hardly a sound from the city, and apparently nothing between them and God, as he bids them stand up for Jesus and not be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. Again, he is in the cabin, whose shelter has been sought from the inclemency of the weather. The storm draws nearer and the thunder grows louder, and suddenly the mast is shivered by the lightning, while its awful voice brings the assembly to their knees.*

There is something more done, however, besides the distribution of tracts and bibles and the holding of meetings: sailors are conversed with privately, and especially when affliction gives them the listening ear. A sailor-boy, the eldest of a large family, on arriving in port, found a letter telling him of the death of his father. Mr. Massey found him, and directed him for sympathy to Him who wept at the grave of Lazarus. The boy's answer through his tears was, "Surely the Lord sent you to me." A large number of sailors have been visited in hospital, and many others in their own berths. One of this number had been sent to jail, on arriving in port, by his captain to save his life, as he had twice narrowly escaped death while the worse of liquor. His chief companion, one with whom he had spent "a deal of money," had been drowned a few nights before. When the missionary found him, he was anxious. He had been with Havelock in Persia and India, and had been at the Crimea; during which time he had been an infidel, and was full of all kinds of wickedness. He had spent in Liverpool, after one voyage, £40 in drink. He had lost his infidel views by reading a book of martyrs, and now that his sickness enabled him to think, he had resolved, with God's help, to turn over a new leaf. He signed the pledge, listened to Scripture, and received a copy of the "Friend of Sinners," whose author, he was told, was once like himself. Such is the work; a work of faith, in which the missionary asks for and needs our prayers.

THE SAILORS' INSTITUTE.—This Association long cherished a design of supplying the sailors with a suitable rendezvous in the

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* This took place on the evening of 8th September, 1863.

city. With this view, it took its former rooms in McGill Street, which were used very freely by seamen. The object was, however, taken up two years ago by Mr. J. P. Clark, and is now efficiently worked by that gentleman in the spacious rooms which he has provided in McGill Street. There the men find reading, writing materials, &c., special amusement of an instructive kind, on one night of the week, and religious service on Sunday evenings.

It may not be thought how much effect such labours as these have in securing quiet on our wharves and saving work to the police. It is a fact, that a noticeable improvement has taken place in the appearance of the port on Sundays, and that it is exemplary in a moral point of view. On the other hand, both captains and sailors agree that there is no port where so much interest is taken in the sailor.

Mr. Massey received, on the 15th October,—the tenth anniversary of his arrival in this port,—from ship-captains and others interested in seamen, a handsome present of a Bible, watch, and purse, worth in all about two hundred dollars,—a voluntary, and therefore valuable, proof of the esteem in which they hold his work. The reason that they esteem it is, that many of them are earnest praying men.

Immigrants.—But a small proportion of the immigrants who arrive now, remain in Montreal; the greater part either stopping in Quebec and coming up afterwards by degrees, or passing directly through by rail. Those who land at the wharf are generally addressed by our missionaries. This spring, a suitable tract by Mr. Massey entitled "Hints to Emigrants," made up of cautions very necessary to them, was reprinted and widely circulated among them. Of this class, four boys were more especially consigned to the care of the Association by the superintendent of a reformatory school in Glasgow, who gave them good characters. One of these youths, after being forwarded beyond Hamilton, returned to Scotland. The other three are, so far as we are able to learn by correspondence, doing fairly; one in Lower Canada, and the others in Canada West. From the correspondence had concerning them, it became evident that a comfortable subsistence could be found in this country for a large number of such youths, could their character be in any way guaranteed.

Under this head, may be mentioned the fact, that Mr. Massey has been enabled to send to their homes in England several who had been left destitute in this country. Two of these were young men rendered helpless by sickness, for whom free passages were obtained; and a woman, with three small children, whose husband had died suddenly, leaving her helpless, was sent to her friends by steamer by a private subscription. For objects like these, funds are at times put into the hands of our missionary, which are credited perhaps in no report save that in which the Faithful Promiser registers treasure laid up in heaven.

Mr. Millen's Work among the Soldiers.—It was mentioned, in a report rendered six months ago at Chicago, that the number of Christian soldiers in our garrison had increased tenfold since their arrival among us, now two years ago, and that this Association was thankful to have had a fair share in the blessed work. Mr. Millen has devoted much of his time to them, having visited the barracks of every regiment, except the two battalions of Guards, once a month at least; and he seems to find the labour more and more pleasing. When we opened the rooms opposite these in the beginning of the present year, they were offered to the brethren in the army as a rendezvous and praying place, and, had the rooms been good for nothing else, this object would have made them worth their rent. Besides stepping in at all hours of the day, they have maintained a daily prayer-meeting between five and six o'clock, P.M.

One evening in the month of February last, seventy Christian soldiers met to take tea in the rooms we then used; and, a short time afterwards, some four hundred of the garrison assembled at a soiree at Nordheimers' Hall, and listened to some good addresses. When the 47th Regiment was on the point of departure for Kingston, some thirty brethren in it were again invited to the rooms and commended to God for guidance amid new scenes. Of the 16th Regiment, about twelve have been converted in Montreal. One of these says, that once, in church, one sentence shed light and almost immediate gladness into his soul,—"If salvation is by faith, why not now?" Among the Artillery also, there are some conversions, and others are trying to come to Jesus. By these, as well as by the men of the Military Train (Hochelaga), Mr. Millen is received with hearty

kindness; and the Christian soldiers, like the sailors, are overflowing in their thanks. The missionary bids them testify their gratitude by giving themselves wholly to the Lord; and assuredly the Society has reaped as well as sown, for, as the above reports show, the devout soldiers have been in the van of many of our efforts. Having the time, they have also the ability and the will to be useful.

The General Hospital.—Messrs. Massey and Millen both visit this institution frequently, and meetings are maintained on several nights of the week by them and others. Last winter, meetings were kept up on Sabbath mornings by Mr. Massey, but when he was called away by the arrival of the spring fleet, his place was filled by others. These meetings were replete with that kind of interest which Christians look for most earnestly. Many were melted to penitence and tears, and Mr. Massey used to call during the week to learn who were inquiring. Some of the meetings resulted in two or three apparently real conversions. The bedside work of the missionary in this home of those who are between life and death is exceedingly important and often blessed.

The Jail.—A painful part of Mr. Massey's work is the visitation of the Jail; and, concerning this institution, we feel called upon plainly to add our testimony to that of many a Grand Jury, in representing its moral influences to be bad, and our belief, that it reciprocates in a measure the tribute paid to it by the dens of infamy of the city by sending forth many of its inmates more hardened than before. We do not speak of the Jailer, except in terms of the highest commendation; but the want of classification, for which the present building affords no conveniences, and the want of discipline, make our Jail a pleasant resting-place for the hardened criminal, and a place of degradation for any unfortunate sent thither before moral sensibility is entirely gone. Mr. Massey's visits are well received, and he takes pains to supply them with good literature, leaving tracts and lending small books to as many as will read them. Although kind in their reception of such, their hearts are hard to find; yet, at times, the deepest penitence is manifested. Among the incidents of labour in the Jail, one may be cited which

will show the need of a new charity in the city. In the jail hospital, a cripple is found who delights much in the Bible and other books provided by Mr. Massey, and who seems to be not far from the Kingdom. He has been there now three years, not because he is a criminal, but because he is helpless. He must either be there or on the streets.

The Female Refuge, generally known as the Magdalen Asylum,—for whose support an appeal has just been made to the public,—has been the scene of an interesting work. After reading the Scripture one day to the inmates, urging them to flee from the wrath to come, Mr. Massey observed them to be more than usually serious. "I requested those," he says in his journal, "who were anxious about their souls, to return to the room, one at a time, after the meeting, and I would pray for them. Some eight of them did so, and said they felt themselves to be great sinners. As I prayed with them, several wept bitterly, and it did seem as if the Spirit of God was working in them." The evil, from the outskirts of whose domain this most Christian institution seeks to snatch here and there a victim, meets those who penetrate the darkness of vice in its horrors. Once during the summer, two respectable-looking unfortunates called on Mr. Massey to take him to see a dying companion. They took him to the house they lived in, and he was shown into a darkened room, where, by the light of a candle at mid-day, he discovered, on a heap of rags and dirt, the corpse of a good-looking girl. The young women, one of whom was sister to the deceased, fell into passionate grief on seeing that she was dead; and the wretched keeper of the house (who had administered whiskey to the dying one almost to the last) and his wife looked stolidly on. Amid this appalling scene, the missionary, pointing to the dead, called the attention of those around him to their awful sinfulness and wretchedness. The sister of the dead girl seemed almost heart-broken, and promised to lead a new life, but she is now heedlessly treading the same broad path as before. These sisters came here but two years ago respectable milliners, but being strangers, were led astray. Two years of sin, and the most horrible of deaths! Who knows of the many whose history is just this? Most of them led into temptation through being strangers, either from the country or still oftener from across the Atlantic, far from the home which would have imposed

its gentle restraints upon their waywardness. One of these, from whose cheek the flush of former health and beauty had been long wiped out by years spent between the jail, hospital, and abodes of sin, being visited in sickness by Mr. Massey, received him with apparent concern and contrition; but, scarcely had he left the chamber, when she boasted of having *gulled* him. The social evil, although here and there curtailed, seems on the whole to be on the increase; and a fact mentioned by Mr. Massey would, if generally known by parents, cause wide-spread alarm. One house being broken up, many heavy fines were paid by young men. Within a few rods of the same house are twelve others. How are they all supported? It is a fearful question.

Other Institutions.—The House of Refuge in Fortification Lane, one of whose inmates is over a hundred years old, adds a little work to the missionaries; and visits to the St. Andrew's Home, Ladies' Benevolent and other institutions have been kept up, in some cases with visible fruit.

House-to-House Work.—Visits to the homes of the people, especially where sickness makes the call more appropriate, is ever the principal part of the city missionaries' work. And, in it, they are called upon to meet with almost every phase of human misery, between the neat home of the mechanic where unrestrained appetite is sowing the seeds of sorrow, and the drunkard's den or the poor furnitureless hut of the gipsy. In this work, the same cry seems to rise from every report against the one great enemy of the cause which overshadows every other. Should this Report omit each year to speak in the severest terms against everything which encourages the prevailing intemperance of this city, it could only be by omitting a large portion of its missionaries' monthly statements; for there is no subject so unchanging with them, or referred to in such strong language, as the deadly enmity of this sin to their usefulness. It seems to come new into their minds every time they write as the great evil against which they must bear witness, and of whose ravages Christians can see so little. It is only by meeting it thus in detail and at every corner that its enmity to good can be measured. A single day's work, copied at the close of

this Report from Mr. Massey's journal, will shed a little light on every-day work; while the following incidents show with what reason strong feelings are manifested on the subject:—Mr. Millen found, in one room, pools of blood all over the floor. On a chair, sat a woman almost naked, with blood streaming from her limbs and head; while, near by, stood the husband partially intoxicated and spattered with blood, declaring that she ought to be killed. Here, he finds husband and wife both stupid, and scolding each other: and again, he seeks out a family that lives in a filthy yard, from which he descends by a most disagreeable entrance into a cellar, whose damp and impure atmosphere seems to make life impossible there, to find a mother and daughter living in sin. Mr. Massey, entering a house one day, was met by the mother drunk and hardly able to stand, then by the daughter, also drunk; a young man, believed to be the son, being at the same time in the most disgusting stage of intoxication. He knew this family well, the father having been a member of his own Bible-class, but now a drunkard also. This house is wretched indeed. Next to drink and its companion idleness, the natural indifference to religion, and hardness and pride of heart, are opponents which meet alike the missionary to the poor and the pastor of the wealthy.

Yet among discouragements and sowing in tears, there is not a little joyful reaping, notwithstanding the hard unyielding nature of the soil; and the stories told, though mostly so, are not all of them sad. Cases of hopeful conversions and beautiful developments of Christian character are mentioned in the journals under most varied circumstances. Mr. Millen went, a short time ago, to see a sabbath-school boy, about nine years of age, who was dying. He found him full of his happy prospects of being with the Saviour. When asked if he wished to die, he said "Yes; for if he did not, he might grow up a sinner." Mr. Massey called on a poor sick old man, who was reading his Bible with two Commentaries, Scott (Calvinist) and Clarke (Armenian). "Oh!" said he, "what a relief it is, after reading these, to turn to the good old book itself! We need no other book."

On Christmas last, twenty-five poor families were supplied with Christmas cheer, in the shape of roast beef and plum pudding, by Mr. Claxton through Mr. Massey.

PRAYER AND CO-OPERATION.—In concluding our report of this department, we would repeat to the Society and to the supporters of the Mission the constant appeals of the missionaries for prayers and co-operation. The work is so vast, and the means, in a worldly point of view, so infinitely small, that none can help seeing that those engaged in it need to have their hands upheld by prayer, by sympathy, and by zealous co-operation.

The following table shows, in small compass, the results of the work of the year :—

SUMMARY OF MISSION WORK FOR 1863.

	Mr. Massey.	Mr. Millen.	Members of Association.	TOTALS.
Tracts distributed in various languages	40230	29170	21275S.T.D	90675
"Hints to Emigrants"	550	....	....	550
Papers for Young Men	45	....	....	45
Books and Periodicals lent and given	311	....	....	311
Copies of Holy Scriptures, in 7 languages	603	....	....	603
Family and sick visits	2081	3715	———	5796
Visits to Vessels in Port	879	....	2438 S.T.D	3317
Visits to Barracks	....	59	....	....
Visits to Military Hospital	....	8	....	8
Visits to General Hospital	70	33	....	103
Visits to Jail	37	....	....	37
Visits to Magdalen Asylum	39	57	....	96
Visits to other Institutions	10	63	....	73
Mission Sabb. Schools held	....	....	....	52
Young Men aided, &c.	42	———	....	....
Signed Temperance Pledge	4	4	....	8
Situations obtained	9	4	....	13
Funeral Services conducted	2	....	....	2
Children induced to attend Sabbath School	....	10	....	10
Persons induced to at'nd Church	....	10	....	10
Poor families and persons relieved	61	458	....	519
Passages to England procured	....	....	....	6
Meetings	226	101	85	412
Aggregate attendance	5532	1384	1500	8416

Amount given by Friends, per Mr. Massey, to relieve Poor	$148.00
Money given to Poor, per Mr. Massey	139.20
Amount given by Friends, per Mr. Millen, to relieve Poor	76.25
Money given to Poor, per Mr. Millen	77.20

Mr. Massey adds the following :—Young men hopefully converted, 3; others, 2; hopeful deaths, 5; under deep concern for their souls, 6.

THE ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

The Rooms.—Our head-quarters last year were first at No. 90 McGill Street, and afterwards temporarily in the Mechanics' Hall. The Room Committee of the past year, as its first duty, sought out suitable and central rooms, which were found under the St. Lawrence Hall, and taken by the Association at a rental of $200 a year. In these rooms, we hoped to settle down, and they were made comfortable accordingly. In January, a fire occurred in the building, but our rooms were providentially spared. Early in March, the use to which the rooms were put being objected to, we were forced again to seek a new home, which has been found at the present rooms, at the rental of $300. During the summer, the rooms have seen less active service than could have been wished, but, during the winter, they may yet be found restricted enough. The present Superintendent was engaged when the former rooms were opened; his work being divided between several establishments. On removing, this arrangement was necessarily broken through.

The Library,—from which about two hundred books are found to be missing,—has been properly numbered and catalogued; advertising and enquiry having brought back but few of the missing ones. An effort has just been entered upon, to add, by purchase, to the books already in possession, a good library of reference, for the free use of ministers, Sunday-school teachers, and members of the Association. To this end, a subscription will be started during the winter; and it is hoped that the result will be the supply of a long-felt need in the city, and the increased use and usefulness of our rooms.

The Association retains its rooms No. 1 Poplar Place, Mountain Street, which are in charge of the Mission Committee.

MEETINGS, &c.

Social Gatherings.—The Annual Festival held on the 18th December was a most interesting and pleasant gathering, and was addressed among others by Mr. Hammond, to whose zealous labours, as well as to those of other evangelists, the increased activity of the Association during the year is, under God, to a certain extent attributable. At the opening of the first rooms in St. James Street, a social meeting for young men was held as a kind of house-warming, and similar meetings given to the Soldiers have been mentioned. The youth of the Pointe-aux-Trembles Institute received also a collation at midnight, on the night of the French Canadian Anniversary meeting.

Business Meetings.—With the exception of a month or two in the end of summer and the fall business season, the Society has met monthly for business. The General Committee has been about equally attentive to duty till the last six weeks of the year, when it has met weekly.

Prayer Meetings.—A very interesting and useful Union Prayer Meeting has been kept up, as in former years, on Sunday afternoons, under the superintendence of Mr. Grafton. The rooms have been at times filled. A Soldiers' Prayer Meeting is held every afternoon; and recently a Noon Prayer Meeting has been started by a few brethren who meet at the rooms to lunch. The regular Tuesday-evening Devotional Meeting has been but poorly sustained during the summer. The Sailors' Tract Distributors have held a fortnightly prayer meeting; and the rooms have also been honored by being used for the Mothers' Monthly Prayer Meeting. Regular services have been kept up, on Sunday and Tuesday evenings, in the Association's rooms, Mountain Street.

Lectures.—A course of lectures, arranged with special reference to young men, has been provided for the coming winter; several

pastors and educational gentlemen in the city having consented to address the Association. The course-ticket is to be sold for fifty cents, to be thus within the reach of all.

Classes.—The following programme has been adopted for the useful occupation of the rooms for the coming season:—On Monday night, a French class will be carried on by a gentleman actively connected with the Association; Tuesday evening, by constitution, a devotional meeting will be used for prayer and religious discussion; debates and musical classes, if found feasible, will alternate on Thursday evenings; and Friday evenings are set apart to a Bible class, to be conducted by five gentlemen, to take the guidance of the class each once a month. Mutual-improvement classes are also thought of.

Sunday Schools.—The Association maintains, at present, but one Sunday School; that in the rooms in Poplar Place, Mountain Street, on Sunday afternoons, under the superintendence of Mr. Milloy, which keeps up in numbers and continues useful to the neighborhood.

Convention.—A Convention of Young Men's Christian Associations being called at Chicago last spring, this Association was invited, and was represented by Messrs. Leeming, Claxton, and Dougall. The Confederation of Associations formerly existing not having met for three years, it was resolved to form a new union; to which end, a Central Committee was appointed, with its head-quarters in Philadelphia, and with a corresponding member in every State represented. The Corresponding-Secretary of this Association was chosen to represent the British North American Provinces. The address which appears in the appendix, and which has been widely circulated among christian brethren throughout Canada, will more fully explain what has been done in this connection, the point of most immediate interest being the calling of a convention of such brethren as are either connected with associations or are desirous of forming them, to be held in Montreal, on the 31st January, 1864. When the Chicago convention dissolved, it was resolved to meet in Boston next Spring, where it is hoped that Canada will be largely represented.

FINANCIAL.

The Association is dependent for defraying its expenses on the annual subscriptions of its members, which have not this year been entirely equal to the demand.

MISSION.—The collection for the mission work have not exceeded those of last year, and have been, in some of the Churches wont to give most largely, very far inferior to the year before last.

The above Report respectfully submitted to the Society.

J. REDPATH DOUGALL,

Corresponding Secretary.

Montreal, Nov. 24th, 1863.

The MONTREAL YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION *in account with Treasurer.*

ASSOCIATION ACCOUNT.

Dr.		Cr.	
1863—To Rent and Water Taxes	$114.00	1863—By Balance from last year	$ 37.15
" Superintendent of Rooms	173.50	" Members' Subscriptions	235.00
" Sundry Accounts	138.29	" Donations	7.00
		" Half proceeds Festival, &c.	51.49
		" Balance due Treasurer	95.15
	$425.79		$425.79
To Balance due Treasurer, brought down	95.15		

MISSION ACCOUNT.

1863—To Missionaries' Salaries to end of November	$1125.00	1863—By Balance from last year	$101.79
" Rents and Taxes	139.02	" Collection Zion Church	387.00
" Printing, &c	68.10	" Do. American Presbyterian Church	317.50
" Sundry Accounts	10.46	" Do. Great St. James St. Wesleyan Ch.	161.50
" Balance in hand	196.56	" Do. Cote Street	145.25
		" Do. 1st Baptist Church	100.00
		" Do. St. Paul's Church	83.50
		" Do. Lagauchetiere St. Can. P'bytn. Ch.	45.12
		" Do. St. Gabriel St. Canada " "	4.00
		" Do. H. A. Nelson's Bible Class	15.00
		" Do. Thomas Leeming	30.00
		" Do. Alexander Clerk	5.00
		" Do. J. C Becket	5.00
		" Do. H. Millen	1.00
		" Part Rent Mountain Street Mission House	89.82
		" Half procceds Festival	47.66
	$1539.14		$1539.14
		By Balance in hand brought down	196.56

Montreal, 15th Dec., 1863.

Audited and found correct, C. R. BLACK; W. C. DUTTON.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS

TO THE CITY MISSION—1863.

Zion Church.

Charles Alexander	$40.00
John Dougall & Co.	40 00
Henry Lyman	20.00
W. R. Hibbard	20.00
George Winks	20.00
William Nivin	20.00
David Lewis	20.00
N. S. Whitney	20.00
Mrs. H Lyman	15.00
Jas. P. Clark	10.00
Jas. Baylis	10.00
R. C. Jamieson	10.00
P. W. Wood	10.00
T. M. Taylor	10.00
A. McK Cochrane	10.00
Savage & Lyman	10.00
E. F. Ames	10.00
Wm. Rodden	10.00
Wm. McDougall	5.00
A. Savage	5.00
Wm. Learmont	5.00
James Williams & Co.	6.00
W H. Clare	5.00
Robt. Mills	5.00
E. Wright	5.00
Henry Vennor	5.00
C. H. Smithers	5 00
John White	5.00
R. Hutchins	5.00
W. Notman	4.00
John Parslow	4.00
Chandler & Hannan	2.00
G. P.	2.00
W. O. Buchanan	2 50
J. Carson	2.00
J. W. H.	2.00
Mr. Arthur	2.00
J. Savage	1.00
Jos Learmont	1.00
J. B S.	1.00
D. T. Irish	1.00
Sundries	1.50
	$387.00

American Presbyt'n Church.

Alex. Milloy	$25.00
E. K Greene	25.00
Corse & May	25.00
H. A. Nelson	25.00
J. McLennan	25.00
Benj. Lyman	25 00
Geo. Hagar	25.00
James Holiday	20.00
Geo. Childs	10.00
Wm. P. McLaren	10.00
P. D. Brown	8.00
Clark Fitts	5.00
E. F. Ames	5.00
A. S. Wood	5.00
J. DeWitt	5 00
Cash	5.00
S. English	5.00
G. W. Reed	5.00
Cash	5.00
John Murphy	5.00
Prowse & McFarlane	4.00
Geo. Brush	4.00
A. W. Brush	4.00
W P. Hayward	4.00
A Friend	2.50
Cash	2 50
H. Seymour	2.00
W. G. Childs	2.00
E I Bancroft	2.00
H. W. Atwater	2.00
Nelson Davis	2.00
A. M. Foster	2.00
Chas. Childs	2.00
E C. Tuttle	2.00
E. K. Adams	2.00
J. A. Bazin	2.00
Jas. Gill	1.50
Cash	1.00
D. Brown	1.00
S. J. Scott	1.00
Cash	1.00
E Hagar	1.00
Chas. Hagar	2.00
	$317.50

Wesleyan Church, Great St. James Street.

A Friend	$30.00
Robt. Miller	10.00
J Torrance, Jr.	10.00
D. Torrance	10.00
T. M. Bryson	10.00
Frede. Kay	10.00
Jas. Ferrier, Jr.	10.00
Richd. Holland	10.00
Jas. Akin	5.00
G. D. Ferrier	5.00
J. Jeffrey	5.00
Hugh Mathewson	5.00
Cash, T. C.	5.00
Cash, D. S.	5.00
Friend, G. R.	4.00
Rd. Smith	4.00
J. Patton, Jr.	4.00
T. C. & Co.	3.00
Robt. Graham	3.00
Cash, J. H.	2.00
Cash, J. C.	2.00
Cash, J. McM.	2.00
J. Sinclair	2.00
Cash, G. H.	1.00
Friend, J. E.	1.00
Cash, J. P.	1.00
Cash, R. C., Jr.	1.00
Sundries	1.50
	$161.50

Cote St. C. P. Church.

Jas. Court	$20.00
Jno. Redpath	20.00
Robt Anderson	10.00
Jos McKay & Bro.	10.00
Jno. Stirling	5.00
P. Redpath	5.00
D. A. Watt	5.00
Jno. McIntosh	5.00
A. Walter	5.00
C. C. McDougall	5.00
F. W. Torrance	5.00
Wm. Brown	5.00
Geo. Brown	5.00
Jas B. Greenshields	4.00
James Ross	4.00
John Campbell	2.00
Wm. Roy	2 00
John Plimsoll	2.00
D. Morrice	2.00
Saml. Holmes	2.00
P. S. Ross	2.00
A. Ferguson	2.00
A. C Sutherland	1.00
D. McDougall	1.00
C. C. Snowdon	1.00
H. S. Snowdon	1.00
T. Davidson	1.00
Wm. McMaster	1.00
Jno. Baillie	1.00
W. Notman	1.00
D. W. Sutherland	1.00
Geo. Steele	1.00
Colin Cameron	1.00
A. McGoun	1.00
Jas. Davison	1.00
W. C. Munderloh	1.00
Wm. Grange	1.00
W. McBain	1.00
W. W. Turnbull	1.00
H. T. L.	1.00
Cash, P. N.	0.25
	$145.25

First Baptist Church.

T. J. Claxton	$20.00
T. M. Thomson	10.00
J. Thomson	10.00
W. Ewan	6.00
Jas. Milne	5.00
Foley & Co.	5.00
Jas. Muir	5.00
G. M. Soule	5.00
E. V. Mosely	5.00
E. Muir	5.00
Wm Muir	5.00
G. B. Muir	4.00
Wm Dickson	4.00
Chas. Dagg	3.00
J. Whitham	2.00
D. Bentley	2.00
Jas. Rielle	1.75
Cash, W. R.	1.25
J. Alexander (Rev.)	1.00
	$100.00

St. Paul's Church.

Wm Darling	5.00
J. M. Ross	5.00
J. Greenshields, Son & Co.	5.00
Alex. Mitchell	5.00
And. Allan	5.00
Alex. Buntin	5.00
John Smith	5.00
George Stephen	5.00
Jas. Johnston	5.00
Robt. Muir	5.00
Archd. Ferguson	4.00
Jno. Aitken	2.50
E. E. Stuart	2.00
W. Christie	2.00
Mr. Hay	2.00
A. Simpson	2.00
A. McPherson	1.00
Geo. McKenzie	1.00
Miss Armour	1.00
Mrs. H. Ramsay	1.00
W. R. Croil	1.00
Alex Baird	1.00
James Fairie	1.00
James Burnett	1.00
Wm. Ross	1.00
A. F. Cockburn	1.00
James Rose	1.00
Geo. Templeton	1.00
Geo. MacDonald	1.00
Robt. Kerr	1.00
Chas. Esplin	1.00
R. L. Durrell	1.00
Jno. Boyd	1.00
Robt. Weir	0.50
J. Taylor	0.50
C. D. Proctor	0.50
P. Larmouth	0.50
	$83.50

Dr. Taylor's C. P. Church.

Warden King	$10.00
Geo. Rogers	5.00
John Watson	5.00
J. Hodgson	5.00
Andrew Robertson	5.00
Alex. Rose	2.00
W Rutherford	2.00
Jas. Bruce	2.00
Jas. Ross	2.00
Jno. Thomson	1.00
Mr. Fairbairn	1.00
M. Laing	1.00
Cash (Mr. L.)	1.00
Jno. Cassels	1.00
Jas. Walker	1.00
J. Smardon	1.07
	$45.07

St. Gabriel-Street Church.

Archd. Swan	$4.00

APPENDIX.

SCENES WITNESSED IN ONE DAY'S VISITING.

Called on the S—— family. Appeared glad to see me. Husband not an habitual drunkard, but gets a drop too much occasionally, and is not over-fond of work; consequently his family suffers. Thinks himself pretty good, and is very plausible. Wife industrious, and believe she has obtained much good at our evening meetings. Children poorly clad, but well-behaved, and attend Sabbath School.

Another family, up stairs. Husband in regular work; but the house, persons, and everything about it indicate something wrong. Always dirty, ragged, and wretched, but civil. Suspect drink is the cause of it, but am not sure. I advised, read, prayed, gave them tracts, and invited them to meeting to-night.

Next family, Mrs. H——. Husband an intelligent man, but wise in his own conceit, and is much given to drink. Spends his Sabbaths in reading newspapers, sleeping and drinking, and is very peevish with his wife. Was once a member of a city church. His minister told me that he had tried to save him, but all in vain; he would be glad if I could do him any good.

Wife stood to-day with the door in her hand as if to prevent my entrance, and talked so fast, as if determined to give me no chance to speak. With difficulty, I spoke a few words about her soul and death, and gave her a tract. She was taken ill, and died soon after. I visited her on her deathbed, and think there was hope in her death.

T——. Husband a sober, industrious man; wife gets drunk occasionally on the sly. A neighbor and herself, I am told, keep their stock of whiskey in the woodshed, and take a drop each when they fetch wood to the fire. She has been well and tenderly brought up, and her intelligent face is sometimes marked by a black eye. She was in bitterness and sorrow to-day on that account. Had lately been very ill, and found she was not prepared to die. She said the very things her father taught her on his knee when a little one at home all came up again. His prayers and holy example were ever before her eyes. I read a portion of the Word of God, and prayed that she might be pardoned and saved from her besetting sin. She is an amiable, intelligent woman, and the mother of a number of small children.

D——. Two families in same house. Husband of one of them sick, pious, and poor; wife gets drink as often as she can, and tries hard to convince me that she is very pious. Believe she is a downright hypocrite. Advised, read, prayed, and gave them tracts.

L—— M——. Wife, I think, a Christian; very unhappy to-day; says her husband has began to spend his evenings at a certain tavern, and is becoming peevish and abusive. Has also a near relative a drunkard, who

is breaking his young wife's heart and starving her and several little ones. Have tried hard to save him, but in vain. Read portion of Scripture, spoke of the promises of Jesus, and prayed. Appeared to be much comforted; wept; thankful.

D——. Wife and daughters industrious and respectable; father an inveterate drunkard, driven by wife and children from his home, cannot live with him; never works; sometimes in jail, sometimes in hospital; and is destroying himself as fast as drink can do it. Have seen him lying like a pig in the mud at his own door. Have tried for years to reclaim him; seems to be lost. Drink has partially destroyed both his body and mind; and his moral part—his conscience—seems to be seared as with a hot iron. He now lies in one of our institutions, a wreck of what he was a few years ago.

F——. Kind and civil, but seems to know little of spiritual and experimental religion; sober and industrious. One intimately connected with this family lately died suddenly, the result of hard drinking; wife now in asylum from the same cause. I knew them well; started in life full of promise; had money, friends, and a happy plentiful home; but all was lost through drink. I attended his funeral; but few of his old friends were present. Those who had helped to ruin him, as is always the case, forsook him when he needed sympathy and aid. He was buried by strangers, and th re were none to weep over his grave. The little ones he left behind were too young to understand and feel their loss. My heart bled when I thought of them, the mother, and the father's end. O drink! what a monster thou art! As usual, I read a portion of the Word, conversed, prayed, and gave tracts. Thankful.

L—— T——. Husband, an educated man, lately lost a good situation through drink. Has a wife and children; greatly depressed, almost out of his mind, but quite sober to-day. Urged him to give up drink, encouraged them still to hope, prayed, and gave them tracts; appeared very thankful.

W—— S——. A poor dirty family; five or six children. Father idle and intemperate, but very conceited; thinks he is a very knowing man, and is at some trouble to make one believe that he is also religious. Stops at home to take care of house and children, and sends his wife out to work. His wife remarked to-day that he was much improved since he began to attend our meetings, but I have no faith in him or his improvement. Read, spoke very plainly and pointedly to them, and gave them tracts; civil.

W——. Father and two sons; younger very unsteady, keeps bad company. The elder son well-disposed, but says it is no use his attempting to be religious, so long as he lives with his father, he is so often drunk. Mother dead; house a wretched dirty place, never ventilated or cleaned; and no furniture, except a bed and an old stove and one old chair. Have tried very hard for years to save them; sometimes they did well for months, and then broke out again. Lately left the city.

Called upon several other families of a more sober type, who were civil and glad to see the missionary.

8 P.M.—Held a meeting among the above people. About twenty present who do not attend any place of worship, not having decent clothes. All appeared attentive and serious.

S. M.

The following CIRCULAR LETTER has been widely circulated among Christians throughout the Provinces :—

MONTREAL YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION ROOMS,

MONTREAL, *November 4th*, 1863.

DEAR BROTHER,

At the last Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of this continent, held at Chicago in the month of May of the present year, only two Canadian Associations were represented,—those of Montreal, and of London, C. W.; and I am not aware that any other such Association exists in a "live" state in Canada. New Brunswick, Nova Sootia, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward's Island, have all, I believe, their one or more thriving associations, between whom and those in Canada, intercourse and Christian sympathy might be greatly extended. Having heard of you as a Christian brother, I shall spare myself the needless task of representing to you the great value of anything that will unite young Christians in the unity of spirit for which the Master prayed, and in the unity of purpose which will make them doubly strong in the service of the Lord, The object of the present address is to increase the spirit of union between Associations already formed, and to request the formation of Associations where there are none. A fear, sometime expressed, that the Association may rob the Church of some of the labor which should properly be carried on within its pale has, I am convinced, never been justified by facts; and, as a rule, pastors look upon those who are active members of the Young Men's Christian Association, as among their most stalwart supporters.

In earnestly commending the enterprise to your thoughtful consideration, on the part of the Montreal Association, and on the part of the Central Committee of the new Young Men's Christian Union, now in process of formation, it may be useful to lay before you some of the modes in which Associations usually work; premising that each society must suit itself to the character of its locality.

Should your neighborhood afford scope for the foundation of a Union Mission Sunday-School, no object could be more useful on which to concentrate effort. A Public Library, Reading-Room, and Lectures or Debates, are legitimate objects. Home Missionary-work is almost always attainable; it may be said always, where there are souls unsaved; as, where it is impossible to support missionaries,

young men can take this work upon themselves,—a work from which many Christians shrink, but which none ever regretted engaging in. A Union Prayer-Meeting should always be maintained,—the primary object being, in all cases, *the union of young men in Christian effort, and the fostering of a catholic Christianity.* Should you wish, I shall be happy to furnish you with our constitution,—not as a model, but as an assistance in framing another; with our programme of arrangements for the coming winter; and such other information as is within my power.

A Convention is called by the Montreal Association, to meet in this city, on Saturday, the 31st January, 1864, to which delegates appointed by meetings of young men desirous of forming Associations, are earnestly invited. At this meeting, much may be done towards the encouragement of the localities represented to persevere courageously in their efforts; and the brethren here pray that it may be only the first of a series of blessed reunions. The day appointed follows immediately upon the larger of the Aniversary Meetings, to which eminent Christian speakers are generally invited, and during which a visit to the city is well repaid. With two working-days and the Sabbath, it is thought that the business and pleasure of the occasion can be best secured.

Should you be connected with an Association of this kind, or be successfull in organizing one, it is to be hoped that that Association will be represented by as many delegates as possible, at the General Convention to be held in Boston next spring; of which timely notice will be given. The number of Canadian delegates at that meeting should be at least ten times as many as went to Chicago; that is, forty instead of four. The importance of immediate action will commend itself to you. Hoping to hear from you shortly,

I am,

Dear Brother,

Yours in Christian fellowship,

J. REDPATH DOUGALL,

Corresponding Secretary of Montreal Y. M. C. A. and Corresponding Member for the British Provinces of the Central Committee for Young Men's Christian Convention.

INVITATION.

THE undersigned, being appointed by the Montreal Young Men's Christian Association as a Convening Committee, cordially invite the attendance of Christian young men in Canada, who are either connected with Young Men's Associations, or who are desirous of establishing such, at a Convention, to be held in this City, on SATURDAY, the 31st January, 1864, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

The Committee desire an early communication from intending Delegates, in order to make suitable arrangements for their reception.

On arrival, Delegates will please proceed to the Rooms of this Association, next door to the Post Office, Great St. James Street; where the Committee will direct them to the houses of friends who will show them hospitality during their stay in town.

(Signed,)

THOS. LEEMING,
T. JAMES CLAXTON,
J. REDPATH DOUGALL,
THOS. HOBSON.

MONTREAL, November 4, 1863.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called "THE MONTREAL YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION AND CITY MISSION."

ARTICLE II.

Its objects shall be, the *religious* and *mental* improvement of its Members, especially in connection with the study of the Scriptures; the union of young men of various Churches in this and other plans of usefulness; and the providing of means by which young men, coming as strangers into the city, may be brought under religious influences among their own class.

ARTICLE III.

This Association adopts, as the basis of all its proceedings those fundamental principles of Evangelical Christianity on which all Orthodox Protestant Churches are agreed, and will never admit any intermeddling with those matters of Faith and Polity on which such Churches differ.

ARTICLE IV.

Any young man, who is a member in good standing of an Evangelical Church in this city, may become an *Active* Member. *Active Members* only have the right to vote, and be eligible to office; and it shall be their particular duty to carry out the objects of this Association. Any young man, of good moral character, may become an *Associate* Member; and shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Association, except that of voting and being eligible to office. Any Associate Member, who shall unite with an Evangelical Church, becomes thereby an active member of this Association, due notice thereof being given to the Secretary. Members may be proposed and elected at any meeting of the Association or of the Committee. All elections shall be by ballot. Any person, duly qualified, may become a Life-Member of this Association by paying Twenty-five Dollars to the general fund at any one time. Persons may become *Honorary* Members. The Association shall have power to expel Members.

ARTICLE V.

The annual subscription to this Association shall be One Dollar per annum, to be paid on being received into membership, and during the month of November in each subsequent year.

ARTICLE VI.

The Officers of the Association shall be—a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Committee of Twelve, to be elected annually by ballot from the Members. A majority of the votes cast shall be an election; five to form a quorum.

ARTICLE VII.

An Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of November, to receive the Report of the Officers and elect their successors.

ARTICLE VIII.

All meetings of the Association and Committee shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be altered, except at an Annual Meeting, or at a Special Meeting, to be held at the call of the Committee, and by the vote of two-thirds of the Members present.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERSHIP.

1.—Applicants for membership must be proposed by a Member of the Association. All such proposals shall be made in writing, and shall contain the name in full, the residence, the church of which the applicant is a member, and, if not a church-member, the congregation he is connected with. It shall also be signed by the proposer.

2.—Honorary Members shall be proposed at a regular meeting, and shall be received as members by motion, if carried by a majority of two-thirds of the members present. Art. V. of Constitution not to apply to Honorary Members.

3.—The Members shall seek out young men taking up their residence in this city, endeavor to bring them under moral and religious influences, and, by every means in their power, to surround them with Christian associates. Members shall also exert themselves to interest the churches to which they respectively belong in the objects and welfare of the Association. They shall labor to induce all suitable young men of their acquaintance to connect themselves with the Association, and use all practicable means for increasing its membership, activity, and usefulness.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

1.—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all business meetings of the Association and Committee, and to preserve in strict exercise the rules established by Parliamentary order. In the absence of the President, the senior officer present shall preside. Devotional meetings may be presided over by an Active Member of the Association.

2.—The duties of the Recording Secretary shall be to keep a full and complete register of the names, residence, and church of each Member. He shall attend all meetings, and keep a correct record of the proceedings thereat, and notify all officers and members of their election.

3.—The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Committee, have charge of the correspondence of the Association. He shall keep copies of all letters written, and files of those received by him, relating to the affairs of the Association. He shall also present a written report of the Association at the annual meeting.

4.—The Treasurer shall receive all monies due the Association, and

disburse the same under the direction of the Committee. He shall keep a full and correct account of his transactions, and report to the Committee when so required, and to the Association at its annual meeting.

5.—The Committee shall have the general management of the Association, and shall report monthly to the Association.

ARTICLE III.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1.—The Standing Committees, who shall be subject to the General Committee, shall be—a Committee on Rooms and Library; a Committee on Lectures, Essays and Debates; a Committee on Bible Classes; a Finance Committee and a Mission Committee. These Committees shall be appointed by the President from the General Committee. They shall be subject to, and shall report to each monthly meeting of the General Committee. The President and Recording Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members of each standing Committee.

2.—The Committee on Rooms and Library shall consist of three members who shall attend to the Rooms of the Association, and see that they are kept in good order. This Committee shall also arrange for the proper distribution of the books in the Library, and use all available means for its increase and preservation.

3.—The Committee on Bible Classes to consist of three members, shall have charge of all Bible Classes connected with the Association, and shall make all arrangements for their efficient working.

4.—The Committee on Lectures, Essays and Debates, to consist of three members, shall provide for the delivery of Lectures or Sermons; shall prepare subjects for essays, debates or conversation; engage members to take part in the meetings of the Association, prepare a programme of each meeting, and cause it to be announced at least one week before such meeting is held.

5.—The Finance Committee, to consist of three members, shall devise means for obtaining necessary funds for the Association, and shall examine and approve all accounts referred to them by the General Committee previous to their payment by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be an *ex-officio* member of this Committee.

6.—The Mission Committee shall consist of five members, and it shall be their duty to superintend the City Mission render all possible aid to the Missionary or Missionaries, and, use all the means in their power to promote the success of the Mission, and to extend its usefulness.

7.—The President shall also nominate a Committee on Membership; to consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the General Committee, and not less than ten Active Members of the Association, selected from each church in which there are Members belonging to the Association. It shall be the duty of each member of this Committee to make himself acquainted with the young men in his particular congregation, especially strangers, and invite them to become Members of the Association. He shall report on all applications for membership referred to him. He shall convey to new Members their certi-

ficates of election and cards of membership, collect their dues, and labor to induce them to attend the regular meetings of the Association. He shall also, when called, upon notify the Members of special meetings. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to see that each Member of this Committee fulfils his duties. The Chairman shall also report the labors of his Associates to the General Committee.

ARTICLE IV.

MEETINGS.

1.—The Committee shall meet for business on the second Monday of each month; five to form a quorum.

2.—Meetings of the Association for reading essays, for debates, conversation on religious subjects, devotional exercises, or lectures, shall be held as often as practicable. As far as practicable, meetings shall commence at eight o'clock and close at ten.

3.—Business meetings of this Association shall take place monthly on the Tuesday succeeding the second Monday in each month (being the first day of meeting, after the meeting of General Committee). Nine to form a quorum.

4.—That, at the other meetings of the Association during the month, no business be transacted other than proposing, balloting for, and receiving new Members.

5.—Special meetings of the Committee may be called at the option of the President, or at the request of three Members of the Committee. Special meetings of the Association shall be held at the written request of ten members, or at the option of the President.

6.—Any officer or member of Committee absenting himself from three consecutive regular meetings of the Committee, without sufficient reason, shall vacate his office. All vacancies shall be filled by the Committee.

MEETINGS, &c., 1863—1864.

General Committee meets on the 2nd Monday evening of each month to receive reports of the Standing Committees.
Tea at 6½ o'clock. Business at 7 o'clock.

The Association meets on the Tuesday succeeding the 2nd Monday of each month, to receive report of General Committees and transact general business, at 8 o'clock. Tea usually provided.
Devotional Meeting on other Tuesday evenings.

UNION PRAYER MEETING—For all classes, every Sunday afternoon.—Mr. M. Prynne in charge.

DAILY PRAYER MEETING—At noon, lunch provided.

DAILY SOLDIERS' PRAYER MEETING—From 5 to 6 o'clock p.m.

A FRENCH CLASS.

Commencing on the 14th December, will be held, under the superintendance of a Gentleman connected with the Association.

LECTURES

Will be delivered in Bonaventure Hall, as follows :—

December 3rd, 1863.—Rev. John Alexander.
Subject :—"The Elements of Success in Life."

January 19th, 1864.—Rev. H. Wilkes, D.D.
Subject :—"Commerce and Christianity."

February 2nd, 1864.—Rev. ——— ———.
Subject :— ———

February 9th, 1864.—Rev. C. Lavell, M.A.
Subject :—"The Theatre : its History, Assumptions, and Tendencies."

February 23rd, 1864.—Prof. Robins.
Subject :—"On Air."

March 2nd, 1864.—Rev. Wm. Taylor, D.D.
Subject :—"On the Evidences of the Christian Religion."

March 15th, 1864.—Rev. ——— ———.
Subject :— ———

Tickets for the Course, 50 cents. Tickets for Single Lecture, 25 cents.

ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

December 17th, 1863.

CONVENTION OF ASSOCIATIONS

Called for Saturday, Jany. 30th, 1864.

LITERARY ESSAYS AND DEBATES.

Thursday Evenings are set apart for Essays, Debates, &c., commencing with January 7th—Subject: "Christian Patriotism.'

BIBLE CLASS.

Every Friday Evening, beginning with January 8th,—conducted by T. M. Taylor, Esq.

MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT CLASS.

Every Sunday Morning, in Rooms, at 9 o'clock.—Thos. Robertson, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Every Sunday afternoon, at 3 p.m.—A. Milloy, Superintendent, No. 1 Poplar Place, Mountain Street. RELIGIOUS MEETINGS in same rooms every Sunday Evening and every Tuesday Evening.

Meeting in Free School, Nazareth Street, every Sunday Evening.—Jas. Jardine, Chairman.

COTTAGE MEETINGS.

The City is divided into 13 Districts, with a Chairman and several Members for each. The Districts are marked and numbered on a Map of the City, at the Rooms.